

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

[1] (Original) A coloring method of a tangible matter having a polyamide bond, comprising: treating the tangible matter having a polyamide bond with an aqueous solution containing an aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups and a metal salt at a temperature of 40°C or more, simultaneously or separately.

[2] (Original) The coloring method of a tangible matter according to claim 1, wherein the aromatic derivative having one or more hydroxyl groups is dihydroxybenzoic acid, dihydroxybenzaldehyde, trihydroxybenzoic acid, trihydroxybenzaldehyde or tannic acid.

[3] (Original) The coloring method of a tangible matter according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the metal salt is an iron salt.

[4] (Currently Amended) A tangible matter having a polyamide bond which is colored by using the method according to ~~any of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1.